

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

Claim 4 is being amended to correctly reflect several changes that were agreed upon by the Examiner and Applicants' Representative in the telephone interview of January 25, 2007, but which were omitted from the Examiner's Amendment set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability.

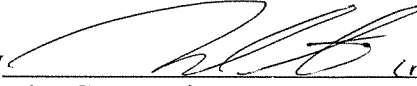
No new matter has been added and entry of the above amendments to claim 4 is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Reg. No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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